SUNRISE HEARING TO CONSIDER: CERTIFICATION OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS, MINIMAL TRAINING FOR DEXA OPERATORS

The MRTBE Sunrise Hearing was held at the House of Representatives Wednesday, December 05, 2001. The joint legislative committee voted to approve the introduction of a bill requiring the MRTBE to:

- 1. Develop rules establishing minimum standards of education and training for individuals performing nuclear medicine studies, which would result in the certification of nuclear medicine technologists.
- 2. Develop rules establishing minimum standards of education and training for individuals performing DEXA scans.

The bill will be introduced in the next regular session of the legislature beginning in mid to late January. If the bill passes and is signed by the Governor, the development of the rules may officially begin. A grandfather clause will permit technologists performing nuclear medicine studies but who are not certified by the ARRT or NMTCB to continue practicing until certification can be obtained.